

Related U.S. Applications

B1 This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/144,298, filed July 16, 1999, which application is hereby incorporated by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1-3), please add new claim 25 and replace claims 12, 14, 17-21 and 24 with amended claims 12, 14, 17-21 and 24 as follows:

B2 12. **(Amended)** An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 70% identical to the entire nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID No. 1 or complement thereof, wherein said isolated nucleic acid hybridizes under stringent conditions of 0.2 x SSC at 50° C to SEQ ID No.1.

B3 14. **(Amended)** An isolated nucleic acid sequence which hybridizes under stringent conditions of 0.2 x SSC at 50° C to a nucleic acid selected from the group consisting of: the nucleic acid sequence corresponding to nucleotide 310 to 2562 of SEQ ID No. 1, the nucleic acid sequence corresponding to nucleotide 1 to 29 of SEQ ID No. 1, SEQ ID No. 2, and SEQ ID No. 3.

B4 17. **(Amended)** The isolated nucleic acid of claim 14, which is comprised of a nucleic acid fragment corresponding to an IL-1L1 gene insert of a vector having ATCC Deposit No. XXXXXX.

18. **(Amended)** An isolated nucleic acid comprising at least 100 consecutive nucleotides having a nucleotide sequence which is at least 75% identical to a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID No. 1, or a complement thereof, with the proviso that the nucleic acid is not selected from the group consisting of the EST sequences having GenBank Accession Nos. AI040890, AI469873, AA722902, AI167887, R70041, R70089, W08205, AI391145, W20594, AI684888, wherein said isolated nucleic acid hybridizes under stringent conditions of 0.2 x SSC at 50° C to SEQ ID No.1.

19. **(Amended)** An isolated nucleic acid comprising at least about 100 consecutive nucleotides, which nucleic acid hybridizes under stringent conditions of 0.2 x SSC at 50° C to a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID No. 1, or a complement thereof or to the nucleic acid having ATCC